

REMARKS

Claims 7-24 are pending in the current application. Claims 7, 15, 19 and 22-24 are independent claims.

Applicant appreciates Examiner Nguyen's time during the August 25, 2004 telephonic interview. During this telephonic interview, claims 7, 15, 19 and 22-24 were discussed with respect to the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection from the previous Office Action. Applicant and the Examiner have come to the agreement that all claims are clear and allowable under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Therefore, the Examiner has agreed that "the 112 second paragraph rejection will be cancelled and another search will be performed" (See the Interview Summary dated August 26, 2004).

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 7-24 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

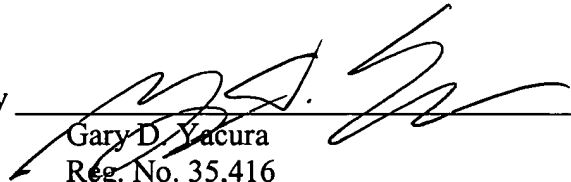
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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